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SUBJECT: NEW YORK STATE SENATE PASSES MEASURE SETTING \$100  
FEE FOR DPL AND FC PLATE VEHICLES.

1. NEW YORK STATE SENATE HAS PASSED A MEASURE THAT WOULD  
SET \$100 FEE FOR FOREIGN DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR VEHICLES  
BEARING DPL OR FC LICENSE PLATES. SUCH CARS ARE NOW  
REGISTERED WITHOUT CHARGE.

2. ACCORDING TO BILL SPONSORED BY DEPUTY MAJORITY LEADER,  
SENATOR WILLIAM T. CONKLIN, REPUBLICAN OF BROOKLYN, REGISTRA-  
TION FOR LICENSE PLATES WOULD YIELD \$500,000 TO BE PAID  
DIRECTLY TO NEW YORK CITY AND WOULD OFFSET IN PART EXPENSE  
TO CITY OF PROVIDING SPECIAL POLICE, FIRE AND OTHER SERVICES  
TO DIPLOMATS. IT WOULD ALSO HELP PAY FOR 120,000 PARKING  
TICKETS, MANY OF WHICH ARE IGNORED, THAT SENATOR CONKLIN  
SAID THE CITY PUTS ON DIPLOMATIC CARS' WINDSHIELDS EACH YEAR.

3. WE HAVE CONTACTED DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF NEW YORK CITY  
COMMISSION FOR UN AND CONSULAR CORPS. WE ARE ALSO WAITING TO  
HEAR FROM OFFICE OF JUDAH GRIBITZ, LEGAL COUNSEL TO GOV  
CAREY, WHOM WE HAVE PHONED. NEW YORK CITY DEPUTY COMMISSIONER  
HAS PROMISED CONTACT SENATOR CONKLIN TO QUERY HIM ON LEGAL  
ASPECTS OF HIS BILL.

4. IN OUR OPINION, MEASURE IS DISCRIMINATORY, ARBITRARY, AND  
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CAPRICIOUS AND THUS ILLEGAL. SUCH A REQUIREMENT IF MADE INTO LAW

WILL NOT ONLY CAUSE JUSTIFIABLE OUTRAGE AMONG DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY  
HERE BUT MIGHT ALSO INVITE RETALIATION ON PART OF OTHER GOVERN-  
MENTS AGAINST AMERICAN DIPLOMATS.

5. WE UNABLE JUDGE EXTENT TO WHICH PROVISION OF FUNDS  
AUTHORIZED BY ABZUG-BUCKLEY BILL MIGHT MINIMIZE THE PRESSURE  
FOR LEGISLATION OF THIS KIND BUT IT WOULD BE BOUND TO TAKE  
AWAY PART OF THE RATIONALE AND SHOULD IN ANY EVENT BE DONE.

6. UNLESS DEPT PERCEIVES OBJECTION, WE PLAN TO CONTACT  
GOVERNOR CAREY AND INFORM HIM THAT IN OUR OPINION IT WOULD BE  
A VIOLATION OF OUR INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS TO IMPOSE  
SUCH A FEE ON DIPLOMATS AND IMPRUDENT FROM THE POINT OF VIEW  
OF THE US, NYC AND NY STATE AS HOST CITY AND STATE.  
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